BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-334-C - ORDER NO. 90-797 \(\sqrt{AUGUST 22, 1990} \)

IN RE: Petition of the South Carolina Telephone) ORDER GRANTING Association for a Declaratory Ruling as) PETITION TO to the Use of 1-700 Dialing.) INTERVENE OUT) OF TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition for Leave to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of the Division of Information Resource Management of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board (the DIRM). The DIRM asked that it be allowed to intervene as a party and asserted that such intervention will not cause any delay in complying with the scheduling or hearing in this matter.

The DIRM submitted that it only became aware of the Petition filed by the South Carolina Telephone Association requesting the Commission to issue an order prohibiting utilization of the 700 access to originate intraLATA calls on or about July 5, 1990, a date after the time set by the Commission for filing the Petition to Intervene. It submitted further that it is the sole State broker for the supply, acquisition and supervision of telecommunications for agencies of the State of South Carolina, and that as such, it is a major customer of various regulated carriers and long distance suppliers.

In consideration of the position the DIRM holds in overseeing an area of substantial State interest, the Commission has determined that the DIRM has alleged good cause for intervention out of time and that it is in the public interest that DIRM be allowed to participate in this matter as a party. Accordingly, the DIRM's Petition for Leave to Intervene Out of Time should be and hereby is granted and DIRM shall be afforded the rights of a party of record in this proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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